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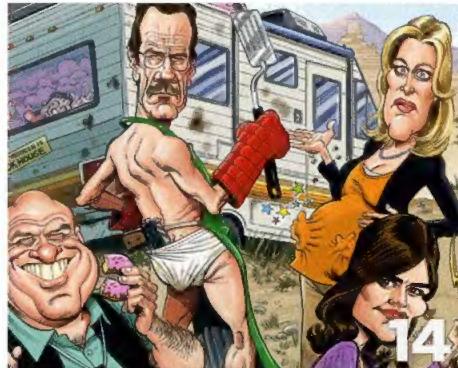


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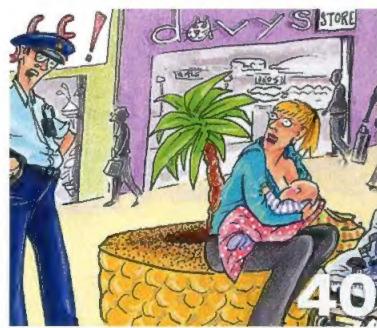
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THE BIG EASEL

The enclosed picture is an "Alfred" that I made from some of what my 14-year-old dog Vegas left behind from a long but unseasonably warm winter. Granted, he did not drop it in this formation. I wish he would do that, though, because it would make pooper-scooper day much less dreadful. I know my picture looks like crap. But under the circumstances, how else should it look? What did I use to arrange the piece, you ask? Let's just say that if I ever invite you over for hot dogs, use your fork to fish them out of the pan, and not the tongs.

Corey A. Case • Clinton, IL

Basketcase — Ah, Illinois, home of Abraham Lincoln, Barack Obama and the guy who makes art from dog poop! We'd love to see the Prairie State, but we don't think we'll be coming to one of your "hot dog parties" any time soon. Besides, John Caldwell makes a pretty amazing Poop Alfred — and he doesn't need the help of any dog to do it! He doesn't need tongs, either — but that's a whole other Letters Page. —Ed.



LOOK WHO'S TOLKIEN

Let me start off by saying if you can't say anything nice, don't say it at all. Your indescribable magazines have driven me to the limits. When you made fun of *Avatar* I almost ripped your magazine apart. But in your *Mike & Molly* issue, with the parody of *Lord of the Rings*, I was SO TICKED OFF that I almost ripped your magazine and threw it in the garbage. But I guess I saved a copy of your magazine because my mom stopped me. In conclusion, please do not make fun of *The Lord of the Rings* ANYMORE! Or there will be more angry letters coming your way. AND THAT IS A PROMISE!

Emily Kaffenberger • Fayetteville, NY

Nail in the Kaffen — Ooooh, we wish we had gotten your letter just a little bit sooner! Unfortunately, we JUST went to press with our special *Lord of the Rings* issue! It's full of articles like "The 896 Worst Things About *The Lord of the Rings*" (Reason #47 is "The movies' fans"), "Sure-Fire Signs You Care Too Much About an Irrelevant Movie Franchise" and "A MAD Look at Emily Kaffenberger's Seething, Hobbit-Defending Anger." Maybe calm down a little, Kaffy. You don't want to write angry! We were once told that if you can't say anything nice, don't say it at all! —Ed.

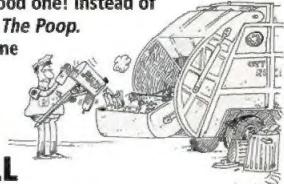


LIFE OF THE POTTY

After being beaten down by my mom's relentless questioning of "If you're so smart, how come you're not rich?" for the last 30 years, I realize now how my lack of brilliance allowed me to really enjoy your movie mash-ups, where you combine movie titles. My friends and I decided to do something different. We substituted one word in a movie title with the word "poop." For instance, *The Wizard of Oz* becomes *The Wizard of Poop*. *It's a Wonderful Life* becomes *It's a Wonderful Poop*. Other examples: *To Poop a Mockingbird*. *Poopy Longstocking*. A couple of my favorites include Clint Eastwood in *A Fistful of Poop* and Sylvester Stallone in *Stop! Or My Mom Will Poop*.

Mark Stanuszek • Gwinn, MI

Mark Shadows — Wait...slow down...you lost us! This formula is kind of confusing. How do you do this again? You just take one word of a movie's title and replace it with "Poop"? Ok...so then *Twilight* becomes...*Poop*. Oh, that's no good. Are we doing this right? Let's try again. Here's a good one! Instead of *The Avengers*, now it becomes...*The Poop*. Yeeeeeah...we're starting to come around to your mom's way of thinking. —Ed.

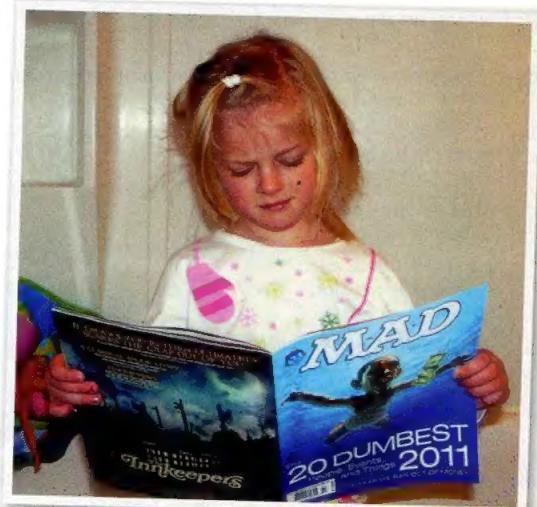


GROW AND TELL

On page 3, issue #508 you finally published my letter showing pictures of my daughter holding MAD magazine in each of the first 3 years of her life. I said that I was going to send you a picture of her every year until she was 50. Well, true to my word, here is the latest picture taken of my daughter at age 4. I hope you have an ongoing file for her! 46 more pictures to go. I know, I know, MAD won't last that long.

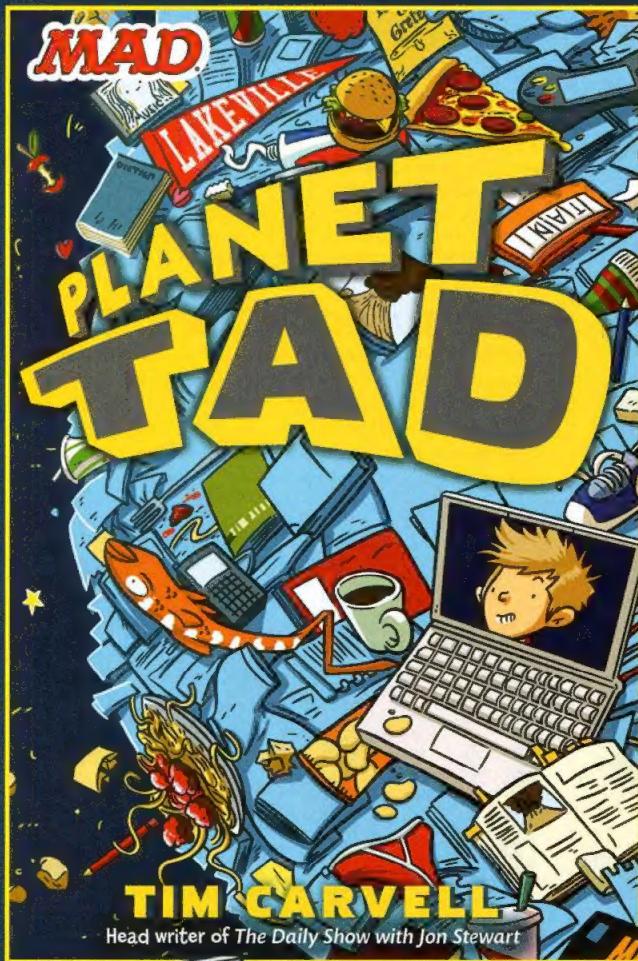
Chris O'Donnell • Nova Scotia, Canada

Chris Congeniality — Wow! Just look at her! She's getting so BIG! It's incredible to think that soon she'll be able to call Child Services all by herself and complain about your sick, humiliating project! Until that time, though, we look forward to next year's picture! —Ed.



MEET TAD!

A twelve-year-old man with a plan...
determined to have the most awesome year ever!



Tad wants to grow a mustache, get girls to notice him, and do a kickflip on his skateboard. In other words, he wants the impossible. Follow Tad's hilarious blog, which spans one awesome year in his wacky seventh-grade life.



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—TOM ANGLEBERGER

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CHEER NO EVIL

I am a fifteen-year-old high school student from Wichita, KS. I cheerlead at my high school, and everyone always debates on whether cheerleading is a sport or not. Being a long-time reader, I was wondering what your thoughts on cheerleading are, and if you consider it a sport.

Nicole Kesler • Wichita, KA

Nic Fury — Is cheerleading a sport? Well, let's see — cheerleading requires determination, tenacity, perseverance and the ability to fight through pain. Although...so did reading your letter...so we guess if cheerleading is a sport, so is reading letters from cheerleaders. Sorry if that was mean...we always get nervous when we try to talk to cheerleaders. Thanks for writing! Give us an "E"! Give us a "D"! What's it spell? —Ed.

GOTHAM PITY

I wanted to ask you if you'll make a Batman Special for *The Dark Knight Rises*. The satires in the special issue in order: Batboy & Rubin!, Bats-man, Battyman, Buttman Returns, Batsman: The Anemic Series, Buttman Fershlugginer, Buttman & Rubin', Battyman Begone!, The Dork Knight, and even a new Batman movie satire, The Dork Knight Dies! I hope you like this idea and release it next summer.

Tad Ordóñez • Virginia Beach, VA

Breaking Tad — We DO like this idea! In fact, you must have ESP — because as we announced on madmagazine.com, we're putting out a MAD Batman Special in July! And it's going to have almost all those pieces you just listed (and some new stuff as well)! So, the good news is that your wish is coming true. The bad news is, your amazing psychic powers are wasted on predicting the content of MAD Special issues. But here's a sneak peek of the cover — bet you didn't see THAT coming! —Ed.



JUNEAU WHAT I MEAN?

Me and my dad have read MAD for a while now and we love it. My dad liked issue 512, even though it made fun of his favorite show. I like issue 512 too because of the Zit Hall of Fame, I thought it was the most revolting department ever. I love your TV show and hope that you don't cancel it anytime soon. I really want to subscribe to MAD, but I'm broke, please help. I really think your magazine is the best.

Sinjin Bunag • Eagle River, AK

P.S. For all the idiotic lower-48ers — Alaskans don't ride polar bears to and from school, so quit asking!

Hot Cross Bunag — Geez! We know that Alaskans don't ride polar bears to school! Everyone knows that all Alaskans are either home-schooled or don't go at all! (And polar bears are strictly for eating on special Eskimo holidays, like St. Patrick's Day.) We're happy to clear up those hurtful stereotypes about Alaskans. —Ed.

P.S. Don't look now, but there's a moose rummaging through your garbage!



ALFRED LOOK-A-LIKE

I've been reading your mag for 30 years. I'm 55 years old and I have a 7-year-old son. Chris loves your mag, mostly Spy vs. Spy. We would be honored to have this photo printed. Everybody tells me he looks like Alfred.

Rick Hoaison
Glen Rock, PA



Slick Rick — Wow. Is it possible that 30 years of reading MAD actually seeped into your DNA and affected the looks of your children? (We're not scientists, but we say yes!) Good thing for Chris that you didn't spend all that time reading *Dirt Wheels* magazine — he'd be a half-boy/half-motorbike freak of nature! —Ed.

FOR GOODNESS' CAKE!

As if turning 40 wasn't depressing enough, Sean's wife Tiana decided to add insult to injury by surprising him with a Spy vs. Spy cake! She and her friend Jessica happen to be the owners of the bakery Random Acts of Sweetness in Portsmouth, NH. If we're ever in the Granite State, we'll be sure to stop by for some violent, espionage-themed baked goods!



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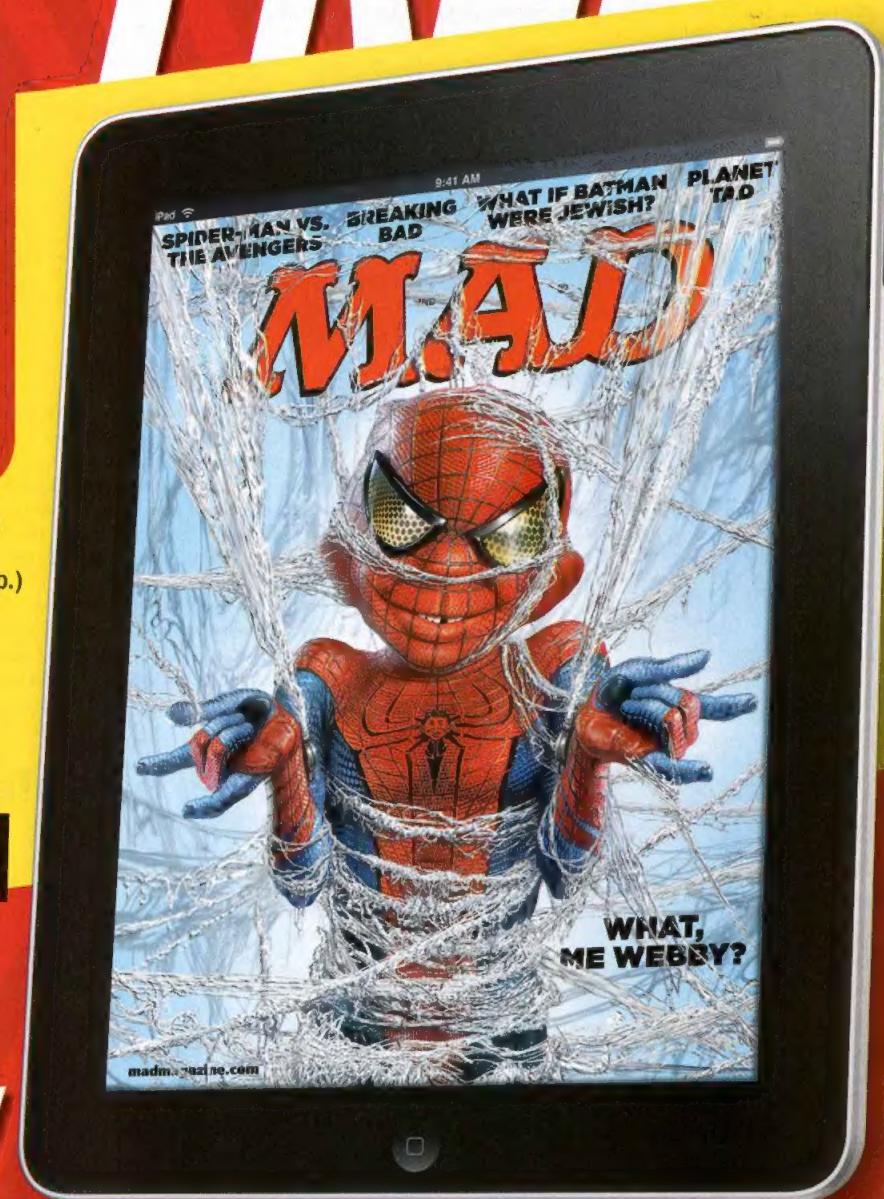
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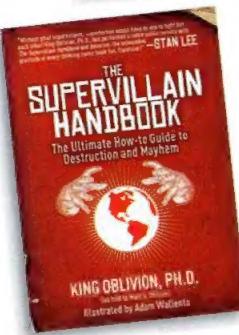
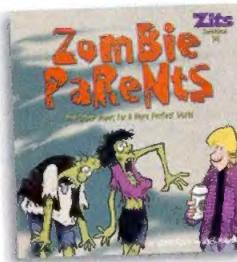
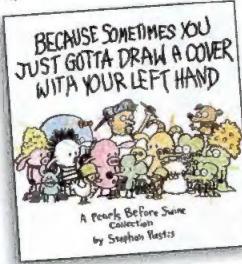


BAD TO THE PHONE

I have been a fan of your TV show since the beginning. I couldn't wait to read your mag. Once I began reading your magazine, I couldn't stop. I'm going to paint my room as my favorite comics from MAD. Once I painted my sister's face to look like Alfred E. Neuman (sorry, no pics). My mom thinks MAD is immature, so I used Alfred's picture as her caller I.D. pic (so HAA!)!

Carsan • San Luis Obispo, CA

Disney-Pixar's Carsan — Good idea using Alfred's pic for when your mom calls! But how do you know if it's your mom ringing you up, or just Chris Hoaison giving you a call? —Ed.



READER ALERT

Boy, just when it seems like this whole letter-writing experience can't get any better, we find a way to sweeten the pot FURTHER! If you were lucky enough to have your letter printed, you're going to be weathering a veritable tsunami of awesome stuff! You'll be getting the books *Because Sometimes You Just Gotta Draw a Cover With Your Left Hand - A Pearls Before Swine Collection* and *Zombie Parents: And Other Hopes for a More Perfect World*, courtesy of our pals at Andrews McMeel Publishing; *The Supervillain Handbook: The Ultimate How-to Guide to Destruction and Mayhem*, courtesy of our friends at Skyhorse Publishing; the book *Garbage Pail Kids* from our amigos at Abrams ComicArts; *The Amazing Spider-Man* on either PS3 or Xbox 360 (also available on Wii and 3DS — on sale June 26), from our chums at Activision; and *Corto Maltese: The Ballad of the Salt Sea*, courtesy of our buds at Universe Publishing! Holy Moses — that's some great stuff! What are you waiting for? Write us a letter today!



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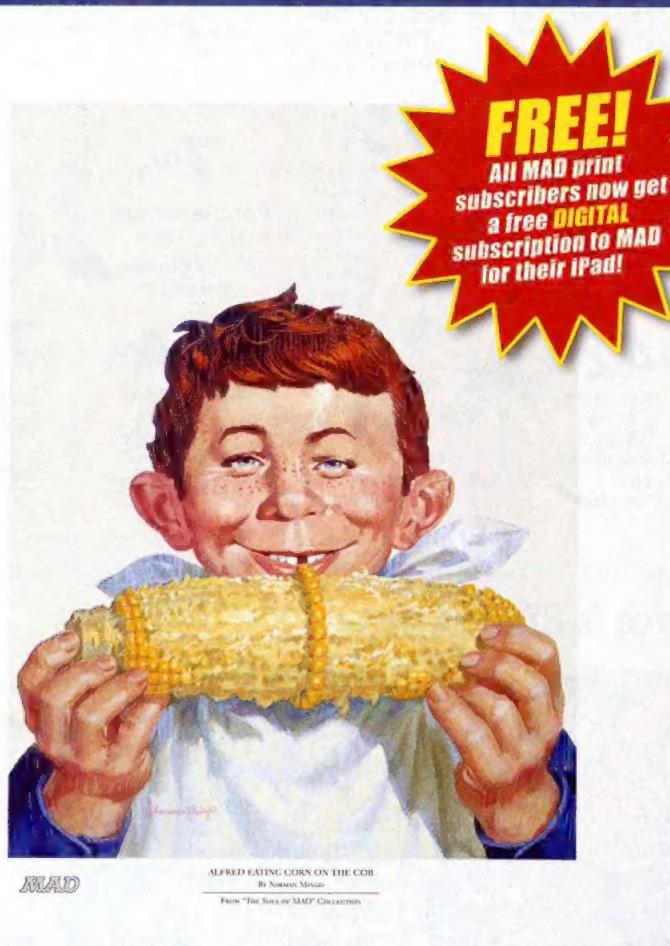
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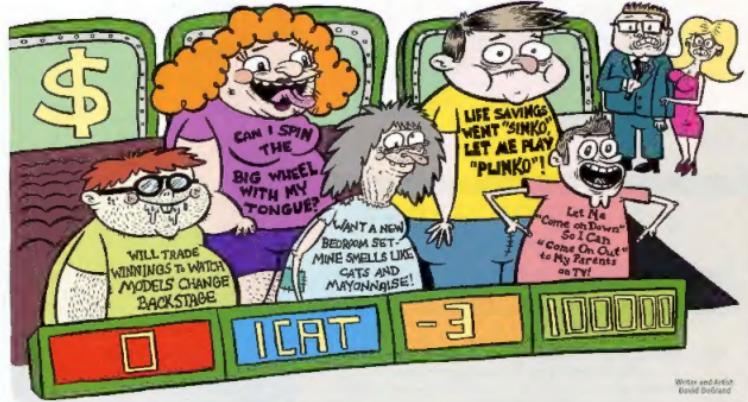
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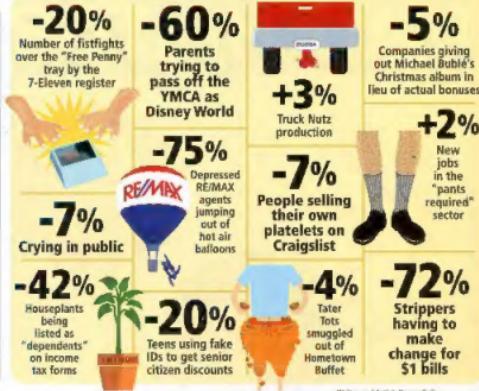


Disturbing The Price is Right Contestant T-Shirts



Writer and Artist: David DeGrand

Our Economic Recovery by the Numbers



Writer and Artist: Kenny Bell

LeLievre and Let LeLievre



Writer and Artist: Glen LeLievre

Celebrity Cause-of-Death Betting Odds DEREK JETER

- STD.....Even Money
- Succumbs to an especially virulent strain of jock itch.....3:1
- Perishes from a previously unknown disease that from that point forward is known as "Derek Jeter's Disease".....6:1
- Shivved while visiting Roger Clemens in prison.....8:1
- Drowns during the longest rain delay in Major League Baseball history.....19:1
- Dies when shower room towel-snapping fight with CC Sabathia tragically escalates beyond anyone's expectation.....23:1



Artist: Rick Talka

Latest Classifieds



Writer: Scott Miller

NEW SHOWS ON THE DOGTV CHANNEL



This Old Dog House



Colliefornication



The Golden Retriever Girls
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OVERHEARD ON VIRGIN GALACTIC'S FIRST PASSENGER FLIGHT



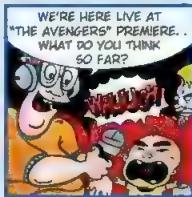
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Lassen is More



Writer and Artist: Matt Lassen

LEAST-RECOMMENDED DATING WEBSITES

ArbitraryLovers.com

ARBITRARY LOVERS.COM

BACKGROUND: Finally, a dating site that randomly picks names without any regard whatsoever for the personality profiles!

COST: Between \$6.75 and \$12.99

CUSTOMER QUOTE: "I've never dated a gay, octogenarian former Black Panther before!" —Helga B., Oslo, Norway



GrassyKnollHookups.gov

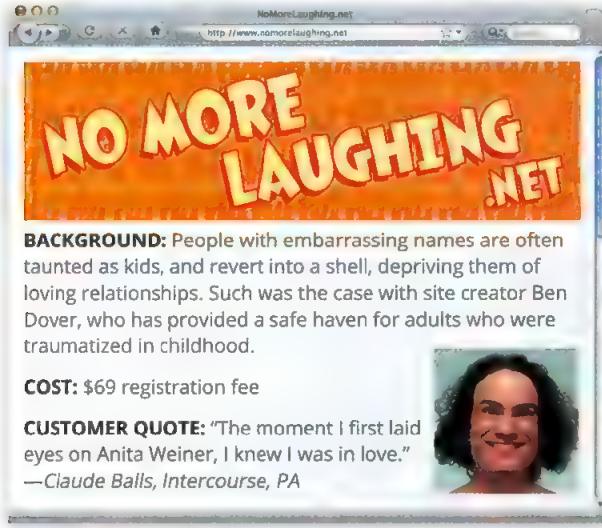
GRASSY KNOLL HOOKUPS.GOV

BACKGROUND: The first, and probably only, dating site that caters to conspiracy theorists. You can learn more by downloading their book-length manifesto.

COST: \$25, before we all switch to Euros

CUSTOMER QUOTE: "Andrea was everything I dreamed of...if "Andrea" is, in fact, her real name." —Reginald V., Dallas, TX



NoMoreLaughing.net

NO MORE LAUGHING.NET

BACKGROUND: People with embarrassing names are often taunted as kids, and revert into a shell, depriving them of loving relationships. Such was the case with site creator Ben Dover, who has provided a safe haven for adults who were traumatized in childhood.

COST: \$69 registration fee

CUSTOMER QUOTE: "The moment I first laid eyes on Anita Weiner, I knew I was in love." —Claude Bails, Intercourse, PA



AloofConnections.net

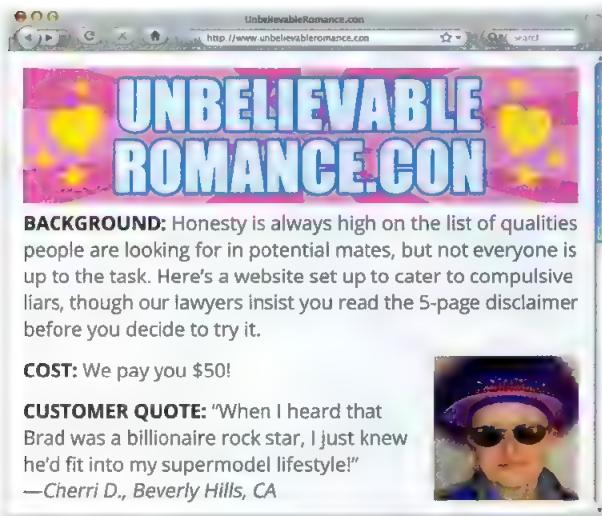
AloofConnections.NET

BACKGROUND: Describing themselves as "The site that matches up people who just want to be passing acquaintances," AloofConnections promises its customers very little.

COST: \$19.99

CUSTOMER QUOTE: "Without AloofConnections, I never would have known that the guy in the t-shirt was named Mitch. Or Mark." —Tori S., Boulder, CO



UnbelievableRomance.com

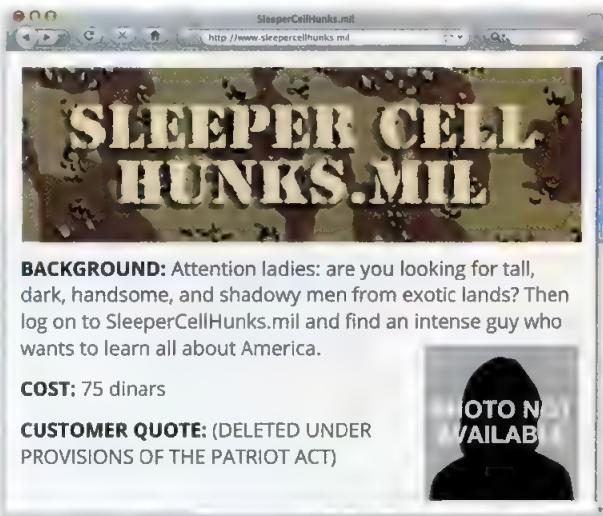
UNBELIEVABLE ROMANCE.CON

BACKGROUND: Honesty is always high on the list of qualities people are looking for in potential mates, but not everyone is up to the task. Here's a website set up to cater to compulsive liars, though our lawyers insist you read the 5-page disclaimer before you decide to try it.

COST: We pay you \$50!

CUSTOMER QUOTE: "When I heard that Brad was a billionaire rock star, I just knew he'd fit into my supermodel lifestyle!" —Cherri D., Beverly Hills, CA



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COST: 75 dinars

CUSTOMER QUOTE: (DELETED UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE PATRIOT ACT)



THE FUNDALINI PAGES

Unnecessary Special Skills to Have on Your Résumé

- Able to crack open a beer with my ear.
- Can juggle up to five objects at one time, three objects on fire.
- Can spit for an average distance of 13.4 yards.
- Can grow a quality neck-beard in one week.
- Triple-jointed with no self-respect.
- Able to crawl at an average speed of 7 mph.
- Fully potty-trained.
- Working knowledge of all current gang signs.
- Can spread scathing rumors in a quick and timely manner.
- Can make unique noises by utilizing several body parts.
- Pump my own gas.
- Fantastic at eulogies.
- Can accessorize an ankle monitor.

Writer: Matt Lassen

When the Going Gets Duff



"Kleenex? No, thank you, Doctor.
Masturbation is the last thing on my mind."

Writer and Artist: J.C. Duffy

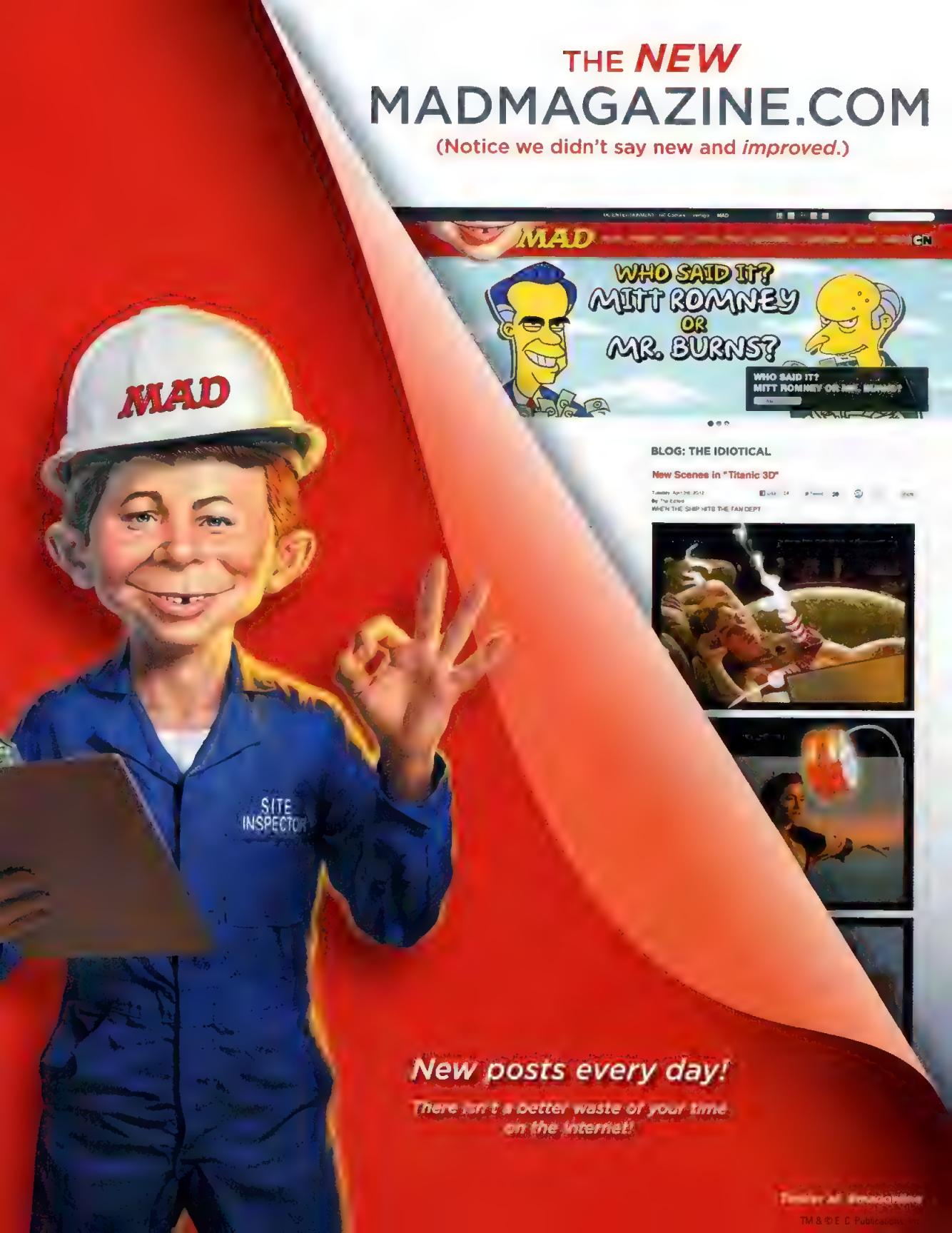
SUPER POWERS YOU DIDN'T KNOW THE AVENGERS HAVE



Writer: Matt Lassen
Artist: Anton Emdin

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Spoiler alert! There are four seasons' worth of plot twists crammed into the parody! So if you don't want any surprises ruined, just skip the next few pages! (But he warned that Spy vs. Spy ruines the ending of *The Sixth Sense*!) Anyway... when this hit TV series began, it was about a run-of-the-mill high school science teacher who finds out that he has terminal cancer, and decides to make crystal meth without telling his wife. Now, the wife is his partner, he hasn't worked at the school in months, the cancer is nowhere to be found and he's a violent badass. Yup, the premise of this show is...

Beautiful Albuquerque! And we've got the most thrilling television show set in New Mexico since *CSI: Crime Lab*! But it's hard for me to appreciate the scenery, when have a rotten black lump growing in de of me. It's my soul!

I'm Wallow Bright, and I'm... juggling two dead-end situations: high school teaching and working at a car wash! Actually, it's three dead-end situations, counting my relationship with my wife and son! Tell me: I'm emotionally unavailable. Maybe just a little. When I used to play a game of "catch" in the backyard with Wallow Jr., I'd bring in a relief pitcher!

I'm seething with repressed rage. However, I'm also willing to shoot victims, strangle them, bomb them, poison them, and run them over with my car. So you can only imagine what I'm repressing!

When I married Wallow, he was a rising scientific genius. But he quit his research job, alienated our friends, threw away our future, and ended up as a high school teacher. Today, he cooks meth for murderers... just KNEW he'd bounce back! What hasn't bounced back is our sex life. Just twice in three years. And one of those times, he was just reaching for the remote!

Yo, bitches! It's me, bitches! And I gonna make all of these bitches my bitches. bitches. Bitch bitch bitches! My favorite insult word? "Schaden drückt!" Go figure. My name's Gassy Pinkley, and I'm basically Robin the Boy Wonder with a globe injury. By making and selling meth, I earn \$90,000 a year! The prob' lem is that smoke, snuff or inject \$90,750 worth!

Writer: Desmond Devlin

Artist: Tom Rich Mend



I'm Chum Tater. I'm an earthy guy... in that I shaped like the planet! Even though I'm a top DEA agent, I didn't notice a drug kingpin right under my nose, not even when Wallow was associating with drug dealers, or feeding me direct clues. Wallow, you know, D.C. can't afford to pay me direct clues. Wallow, you know, D.C. can't afford to pay me direct clues. Wallow, you know, D.C. can't afford to pay me direct clues. Wallow, you know, D.C. can't afford to pay me direct clues. They're putting me on the job to find out if there are any banking violations on Wall Street!

I'm a scumbag. A scumbag. A dirtbag! But I aspire to be a much better class of bagnow. How is it that on a show filled with thieves, kidnappers, serial killers and rapists, the most comestible character is a criminal lawyer? Don't get me wrong... I've got a pretty 100% rate of satisfied customers. What's my secret? Any client has a complaint, I make 'em "disappear"!

Fading Bad

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I'll provide the expertise, the wisdom, the planning, the equipment and the product! You provide the idiotic plot twists and arbitrary bad decisions we'll need to keep this going more than five episodes!

It's a deal, yo! Besides, hooking up with a stringy 55-year-old schlub who's hacking up blood will really help my street cred!



My recipe for making meth is extremely precise, so pay attention. Take a big bowl, mix in 58 ounces of phenylacetone, half a liter of toluene, seven drops of muriatic acid, and one cup of anhydrous ammonia, while monitoring the pH indicators. Let the formula cook at 510 degrees for exactly four hours and 15 minutes. Plus just a hint of nutmeg! Any questions?

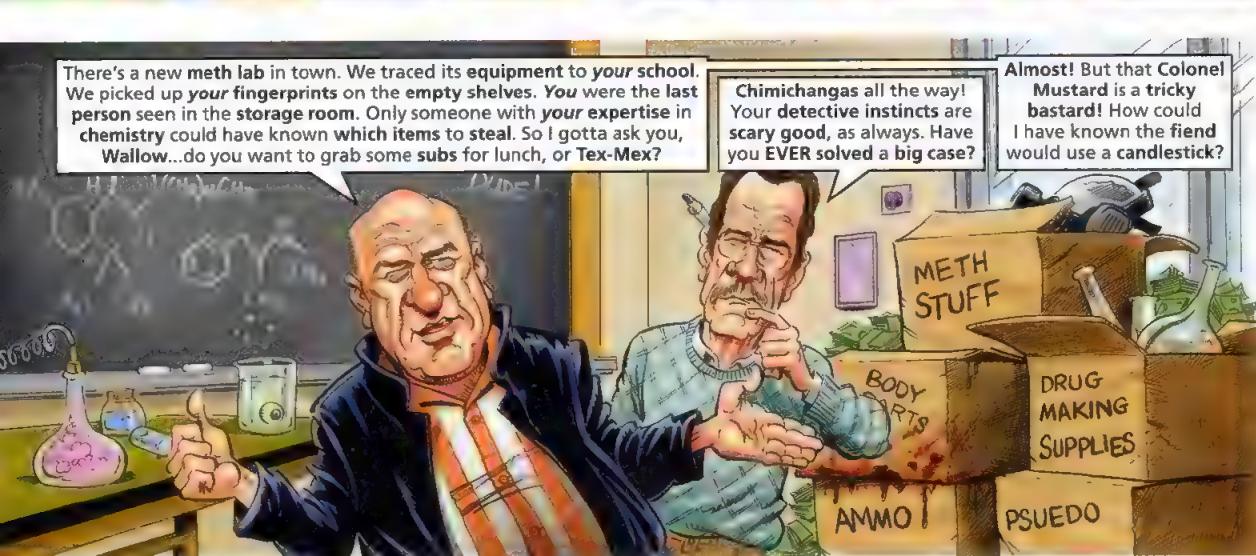
Just one. What's a bowl?



There's a new meth lab in town. We traced its equipment to *your* school. We picked up *your* fingerprints on the empty shelves. You were the last person seen in the storage room. Only someone with *your* expertise in chemistry could have known which items to steal. So I gotta ask you, Wallow...do you want to grab some subs for lunch, or Tex-Mex?

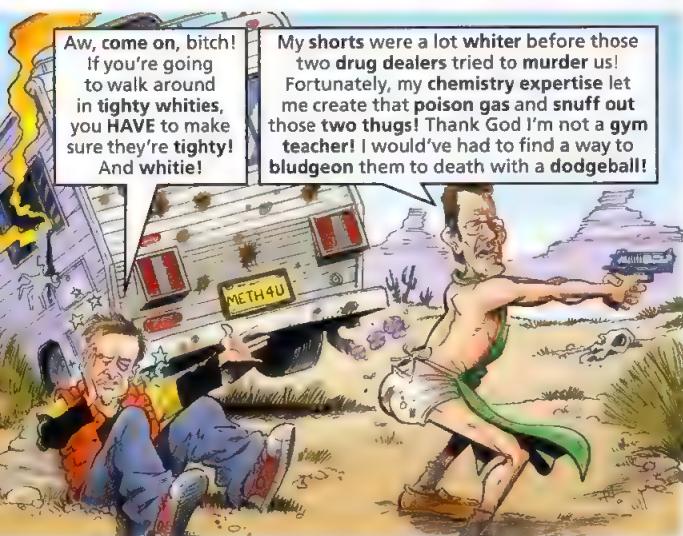
Chimichangas all the way! Your detective instincts are scary good, as always. Have you EVER solved a big case?

Almost! But that Colonel Mustard is a tricky bastard! How could I have known the fiend would use a candlestick?



Aw, come on, bitch! If you're going to walk around in *tighty whities*, you HAVE to make sure they're *tighty!* And *whitie!*

My shorts were a lot whiter before those two drug dealers tried to murder us! Fortunately, my chemistry expertise let me create that poison gas and snuff out those two thugs! Thank God I'm not a gym teacher! I would've had to find a way to bludgeon them to death with a dodgeball!



That gas attack was self-defense. And holding the surviving drug dealer hostage was necessary. Murdering him in cold blood, though? That's where I irrevocably cross a moral line. But it's for the greater good! By doing this in Gassy's basement, we qualify as a home business! Now we're eligible for a tax credit!





My meth is the purest and the best! Customers on the street have learned to spot my product on sight, because only my batches are bright blue. So get ready to pay top dollar!

Why can't I just add blue food coloring to the drugs we already have?

Aw, man! It's that kind of dishonesty that gives inner-city druglords a bad name!



This arrangement ends today! I don't need you breathing down my neck! That's why I asked you to come over!

You know it, bitch! Lose my phone number! And I'll see you tomorrow!

Wait! Wait! I'm confused! Are we breaking up again, or are we making up again?

Beats me! Sprint reception breaks up less than we do! But volatility is what makes our team so great! Like Kobe and Shaq! I'm ready to be friends again. Let me hug your throat!



Great news! I've never seen anything like it. Your cancer was afraid to stay inside you!

It's a miracle! Now I don't have to make drugs to leave my family a nest egg after I'm gone! I don't have to put myself in danger! I can stay home and cherish the gift of life!

Here's the bill for your cancer treatment.

Back to the lab!



Where did this money come from? It's hidden in the walls, the garage, the closets!

Whatever you do, don't flush the toilet! No time to explain! Take this money and hide it in the basement!

Too complicated. I have a simpler plan. I'll strong-arm the owner of a car wash out of business with a fake EPA audit, funnel the cash through the books, swing a phony death notice, and use the proceeds to pay off my ex-lover's IRS debt without telling him!

Suddenly I appreciate partnering with a canny strategist like Gassy!



I owe my family an explanation for my disappearances, my wealth, my "Meth King" bowling jacket. Here it is: gambling! Yup, gambling. I'm a gambling gambler who gambles! That's my alibi; start swallowing!

That's some story. A month of watching TV poker, and you win a million bucks? Let me test your chops. The dealer is showing 17 and you've got two sevens. What do you do?

Go fish!
Hmmm... that checks out!

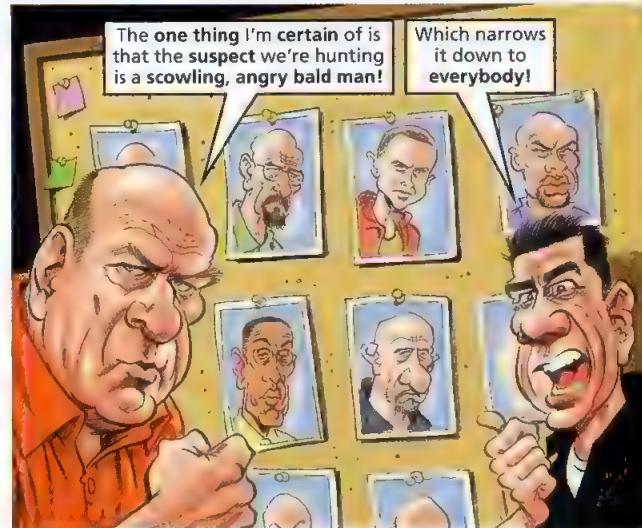
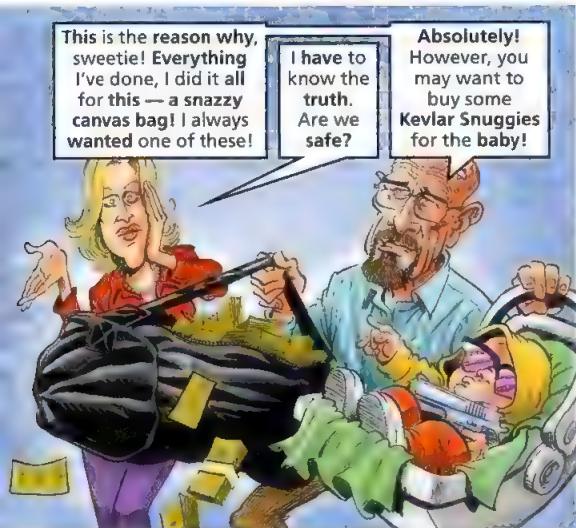
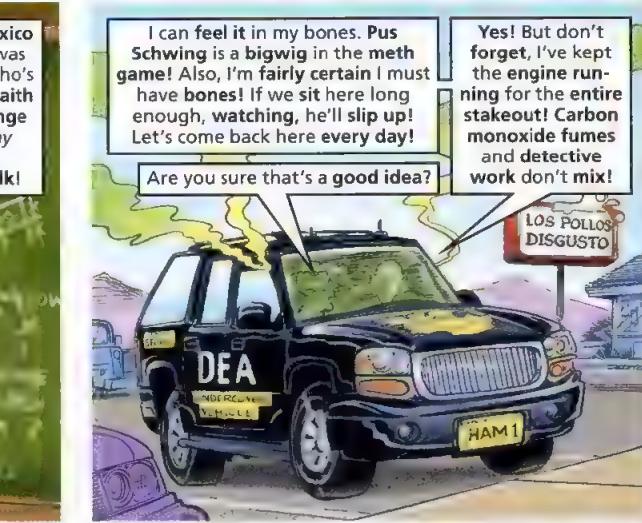
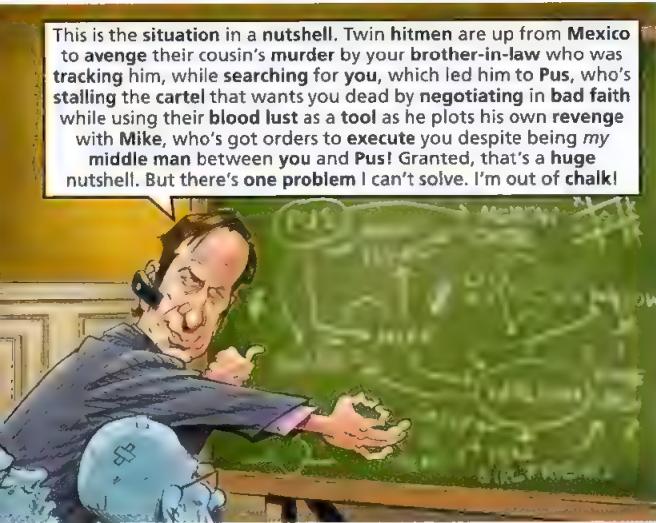
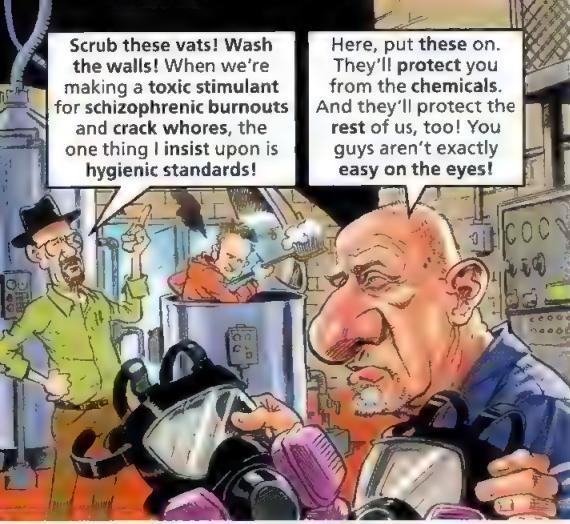


Yes, I am Albuquerque's #1 drug kingpin! Surprised? Wendy's runs a secret brothel for men who like fire crotches! McDonald's fences stolen goods! Burger King fixes horse races, and flame-broils the losers!

That's because my hand is in a 475° fat fryer. Excuse me while I scream in pain. Ow.

If we're entering into a blood-soaked drug deal, I need to trust you. I read body language, and I noticed your eyebrow furrowed for half an instant.





An afternoon gunfight in a public parking lot? What is this, a tailgating party at an Oakland Raiders game?

Aaarghh! I've been shot! I have no feeling in my flab! But on the plus side, now I don't feel guilty about parking in this handicapped space!

Excuse me, are you leaving this spot?



An international drug operation sent two of its conspirators across the U.S. border to assassinate one of our government agents right outside its New Mexico headquarters! Who sent them? What are they protecting? Obviously, we'll never rest until we identify and catch every criminal involved!

The second shooter just died!

Okay, that wraps it up! Investigation over!



You...are...done. Finished! If you attempt to interfere, I will kill you. Your farewell payment has been deposited in your bank account. If you withdraw the money, I will kill you. I've written you this glowing letter of recommendation. If you read it, I will kill your family. If you suggest I'm making threats I can't carry out, I will kill you. And if I don't win an Emmy for Best Supporting Actor, I will kill the entire Academy!



I know you despise me and want me dead. But I'm guessing there's one person you hate even worse than me!

DING! DING! DING DING DING!

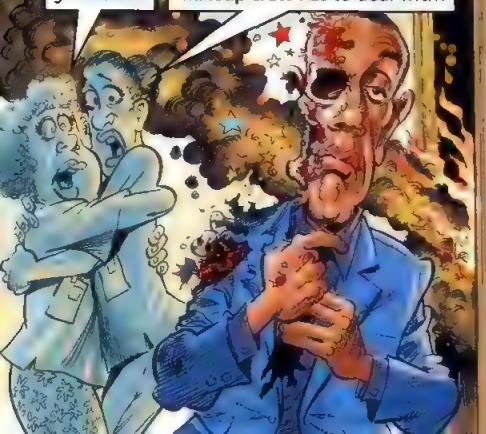
Okay, two people! But since we have no way of blowing up Tom Brady, are you willing to suicide-bomb Pus Schwing?

He's been meticulous for 20 years, leaving nothing to chance. But I've got a hunch he's about to make a personal appearance at a public location where a high-profile DEA witness is about to be murdered! Because if he doesn't, the season finale's going to be just a lot of dramatic staring!



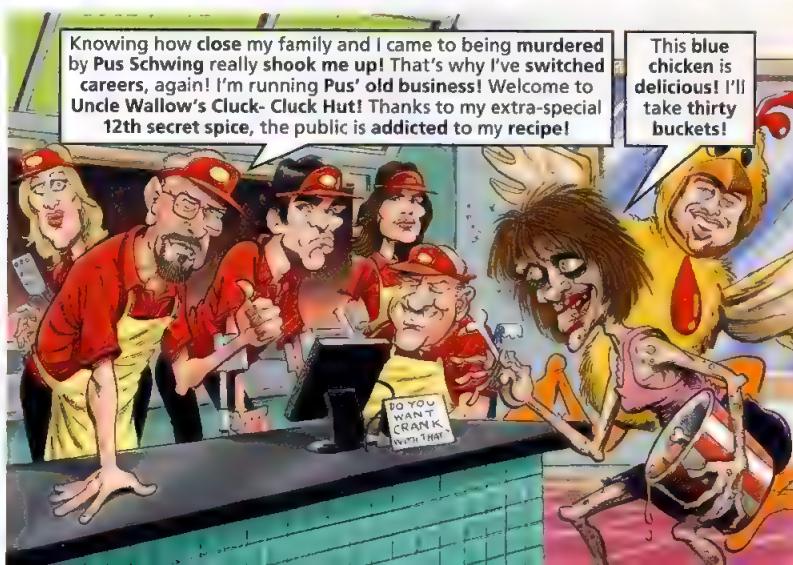
Have you ever seen something that gruesome?

Only once! I used to work backstage on *Desperate Housewives*. You wouldn't believe what that brave makeup crew has to deal with!



Knowing how close my family and I came to being murdered by Pus Schwing really shook me up! That's why I've switched careers, again! I'm running Pus' old business! Welcome to Uncle Wallow's Cluck-Cluck Hut! Thanks to my extra-special 12th secret spice, the public is addicted to my recipe!

This blue chicken is delicious! I'll take thirty buckets!



Historians agree that the nation's darkest days occurred during the 1860s when the Civil War raged the land. States seceded, brother fought against brother and 620,000 Americans lost their lives. It was a bad, the worst, the *lamest* time. So it always seems as kind of a *big* that people today would want to re-enact the horrors that was the war between the states. Yet every year, on some vacant field, a group of otherwise normal American vets dressed up in 18th century garb and reenacts some of the ugliest and bloodiest battles this nation has ever seen. So much for acting go! But try as they might to be authentic, these historical reenactments never come off terribly well. In fact, you don't have to be Ken Burns to spot these...

TIP-OFFS

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CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT ISN'T QUITE ACCURATE

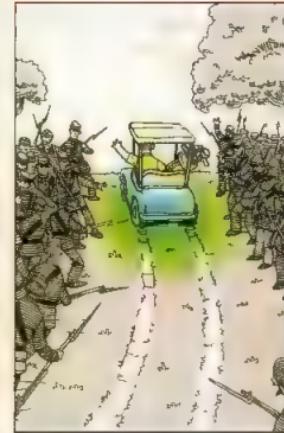
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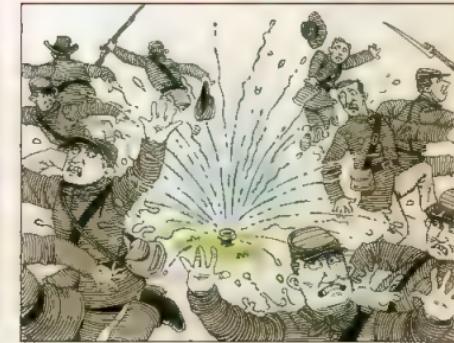
The Battle of Antietam is put on pause to search for one of the Confederate soldiers' contact lenses.



General Grant wears a Bluetooth for the entire day.



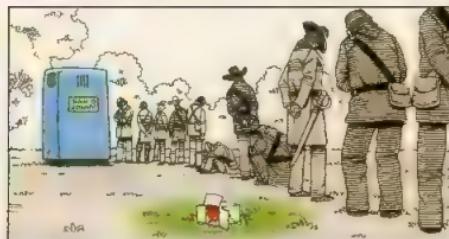
The North allows a golfer to play through.



The battle is postponed because nobody knows how to shut off the automatic sprinkler system.



There's a Japanese guy fighting for the South.



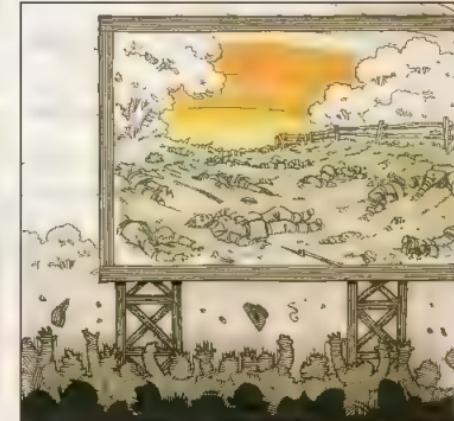
The Battle of Shiloh is delayed because of undercooked Chinese food.



The battlefield is wheelchair-accessible.



General Sherman has to leave early for his shift at Best Buy.



Spectators can watch the whole thing on the battlefield's JumboTren.

Left out of the hottest mc

SPIDER-MAN TWEETS WHILE



Spider-Man

I know just how Scarlett Johansson feels. I had to be tied down to a chair to sit through "We Bought a Zoo".



Spider-Man

Ugh! The worst Stan Lee cameo yet!



Spider-Man

Havent we seen this b4: Prof X & Magneto? Next month u'll get to see sumthin new & fresh: how I got my radioactive spider powers! #RebootNotARetread



WATCHING "THE AVENGERS"



Spider-Man

Loving the Loki vs. Thor dynamic. I havent seen a richer, more moving saga of brother vs. brother since the "Three Stooges" remake



Spider-Man

So sick of the hype. Avengers, Avengers. They're not even this year's hottest new team! Hellllllo, ever hear of One Direction?



Spider-Man

Let me join their team! Oh nooo, who needs hero w/ speed, strength, science genius, climbs walls, shoots webs? Instead choose guy w/ skill from the 13th century!



Spider-Man

Saddest thing about this movie? With that eyepatch, Nick Fury could never appreciate one of these 3-D blockbusters!



Spider-Man

How many geeks in theater have a superhero costume mounted on THEIR walls? Prolly 75%. Theres a reason the most-spoken phrase this weekend is "1 ticket, please"

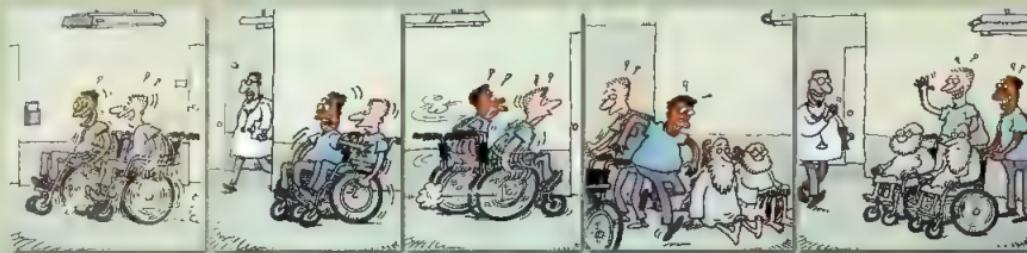
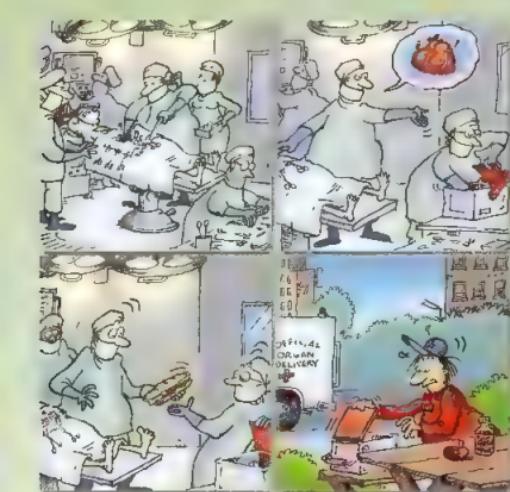


Spider-Man

Spider-sense tingling! Never mind. Just ass going numb as all 6 actors do their intros, snarky dialog, action scenes & random personality conflicts #142M.nRunTime

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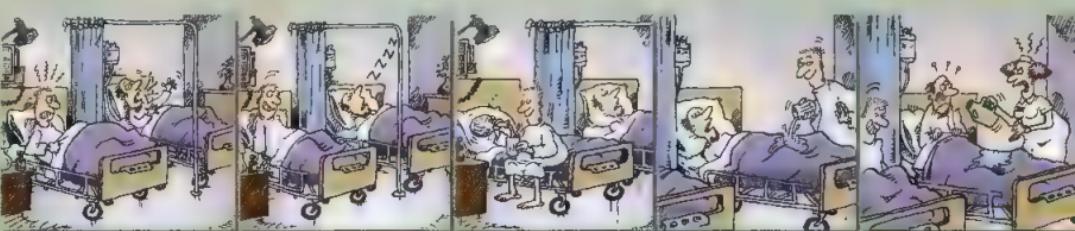
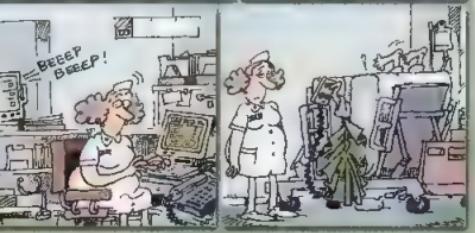
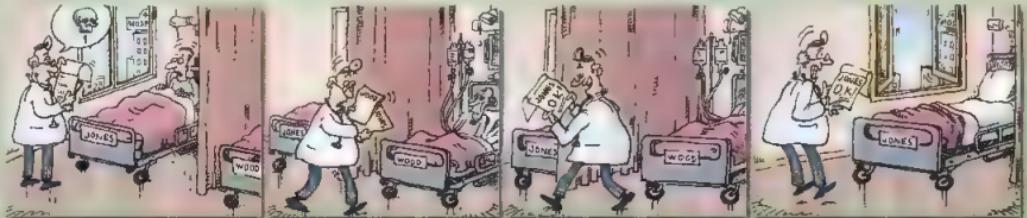
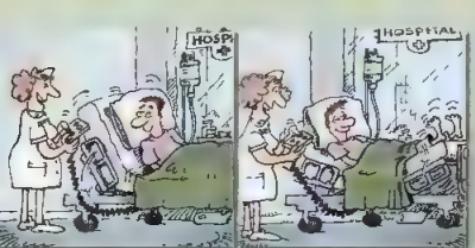
A MAD LOOK AT HOSPITALS



WRITER AND ARTIST: SERGIO ARAGONÉS

COLORIST: TOM LUTH





WRITER: SCOTT MAIKO
ARTIST: SCOTT BRICHER

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FEMA under fire for Kellogg's deal to add Pop Tarts to Emergency Preparedness List



Drunk uncle, 52, insists, "If you're going to play, play by the freakin' rules!"



Volunteers hope to rescue whale stranded in hot air balloon

Over 70?

Has a lifetime of bad financial decisions left you needing cash?

Well, make one more.

Click now to get started on your Reverse Mortgage.

My sister-in-law makes \$72 an hour!
I hate that bitch.

Quick vote

Should McDonald's be required to serve breakfast if you get there and it's like two minutes past the deadline and you thought they stopped serving breakfast at eleven like they do on weekends, and not at ten-thirty? And besides, you would have gotten them on time but you were stuck behind some old lady all the way there?

 Yes NoOnly if you just want hash browns? Yes No

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VAGUE, INACCURATE WEATHER

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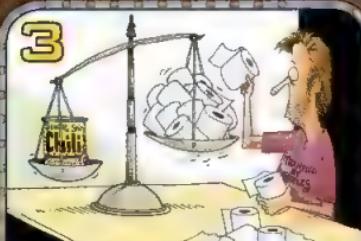
Recently, a new reality show debuted on the National Geographic Channel. It chronicles the lives of those who are convinced that it's only a matter of time before big building shelters, hoarding food and stockpiling medicine and guns. We would dismiss them as wack-jobs, except we, too, have heard some disturbing rumors

much of the world is destroyed — either by man, nature or, in one scenario, some guy named Phil. These people are busy preparing for this post-apocalyptic world about this guy named Phil and what a potential danger he is to all of society. So, instead of mocking the stars of this show, we've decided to help them by compiling...

8 PRACTICAL POINTERS FOR DOOMSDAY PREPPERS



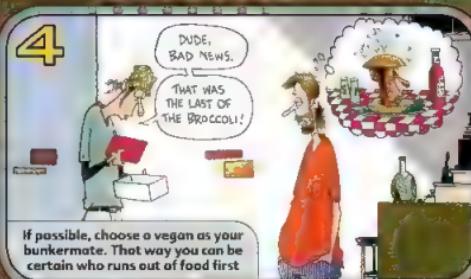
When preparing the absolute necessities, it's possible to be too nit-picky



Your toilet paper supply should be in direct proportion to the type of food you're storing



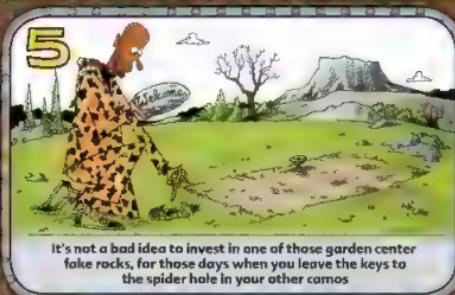
Pack a map. Stopping and asking for directions in a doomsday bug-out is not an option



If possible, choose a vegan as your bunkermate. That way you can be certain who runs out of food first



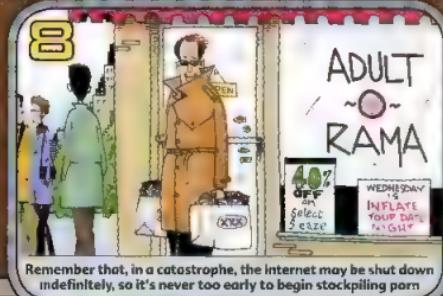
You've stored away an 18-month supply of dehydrated, freeze-dried lobsters. But how are you fixed for bibs?



It's not a bad idea to invest in one of those garden center fake rocks, for those days when you leave the keys to the spider hole in your other camos

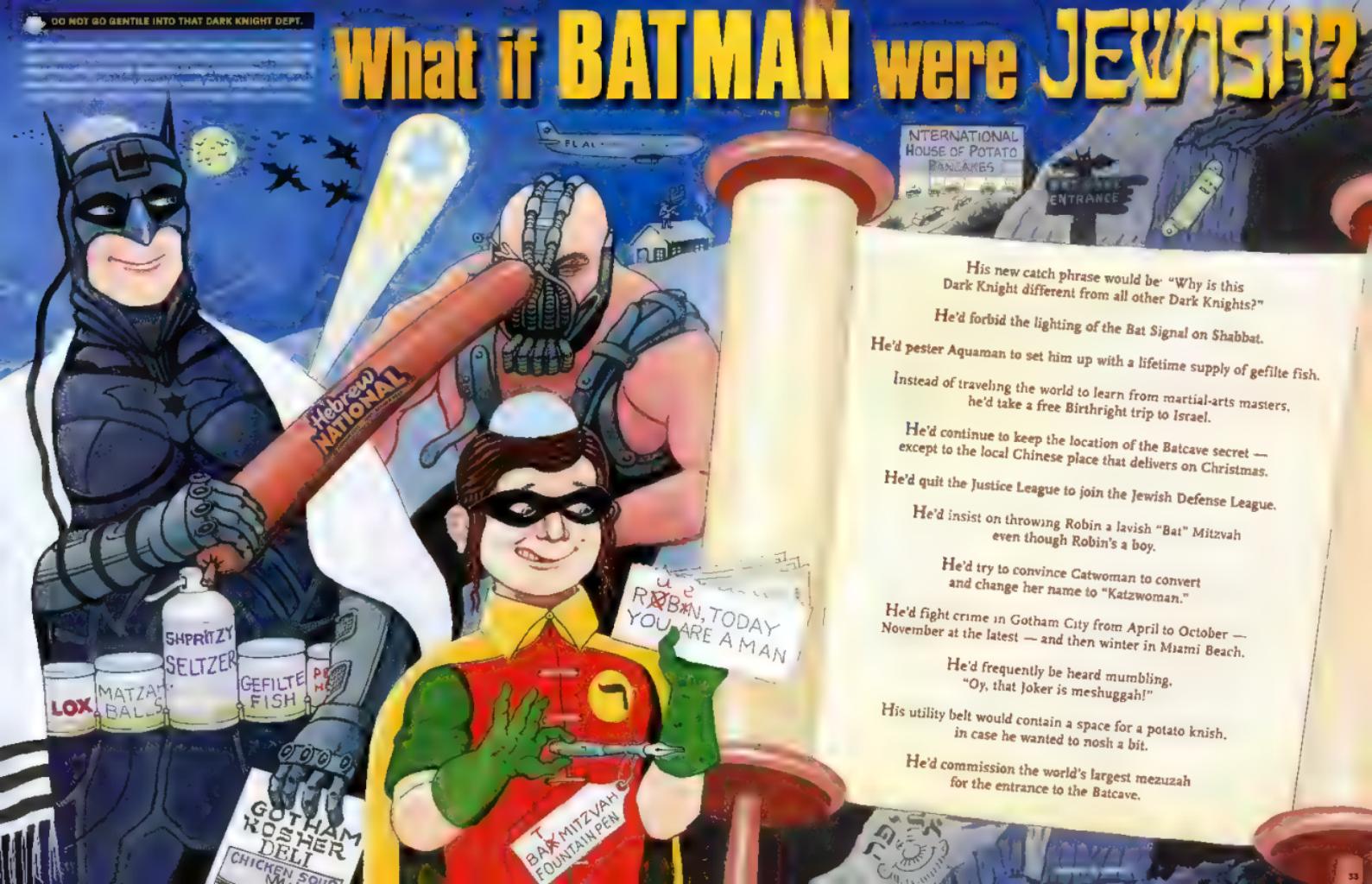


OKAY SO MUCH FOR THE MAROON MUSHROOMS.
A journal could prove useful, if for no other reason than to keep track of any foraging foul-ups



Remember that, in a catastrophe, the internet may be shut down indefinitely, so it's never too early to begin stockpiling porn

What if BATMAN were JEWISH?



His new catch phrase would be "Why is this Dark Knight different from all other Dark Knights?"

He'd forbid the lighting of the Bat Signal on Shabbat.

He'd pester Aquaman to set him up with a lifetime supply of gefilte fish. Instead of traveling the world to learn from martial-arts masters, he'd take a free Birthright trip to Israel.

He'd continue to keep the location of the Batcave secret — except to the local Chinese place that delivers on Christmas.

He'd quit the Justice League to join the Jewish Defense League.

He'd insist on throwing Robin a lavish "Bat" Mitzvah even though Robin's a boy.

He'd try to convince Catwoman to convert and change her name to "Katzwoman."

He'd fight crime in Gotham City from April to October — November at the latest — and then winter in Miami Beach.

He'd frequently be heard mumbling. "Oy, that Joker is meshuggah!"

His utility belt would contain a space for a potato knish, in case he wanted to nosh a bit.

He'd commission the world's largest mezuzah for the entrance to the Batcave.

Sneak's pregnant. Blue Ivy Carter already has 18 million more Google hits than Jesus. Salt! Brett Favre and his junk might become a commodity every day! Our scary, scary world is getting crazier by the day, so we can't have a heart. (Continued, do not read.)

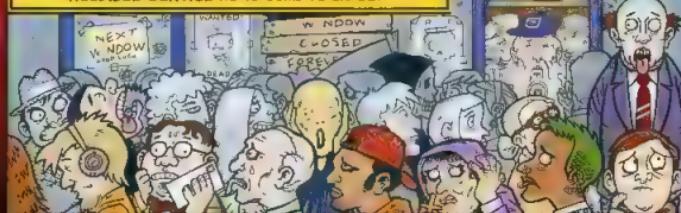
CHILLING THOUGHTS

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IF WE EVER DO GET JETPACKS, IT WON'T BE FIVE MINUTES BEFORE KNUCKLE-BRAINS START TEXTING WHILE FLYING.

WITH THE DEATH OF NEWSPAPERS, THERE WILL BE NO WAY THE KIDNAPPERS OF TOMORROW WILL BE ABLE TO CUT OUT RANDOM LETTERS TO CONSTRUCT RANSOM NOTES, OR MAKE THEIR CAPTIVES POSE FOR "WE'RE STILL ALIVE!" PHOTOS WHILE HOLDING UP A CURRENT HEADLINE.

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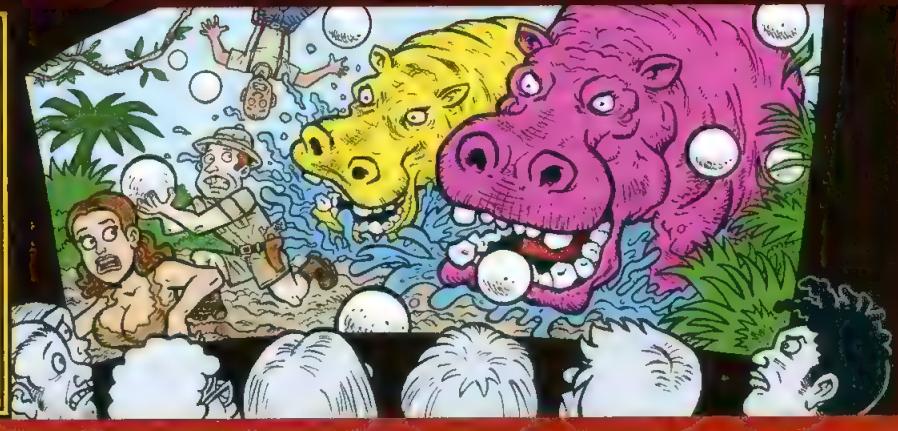


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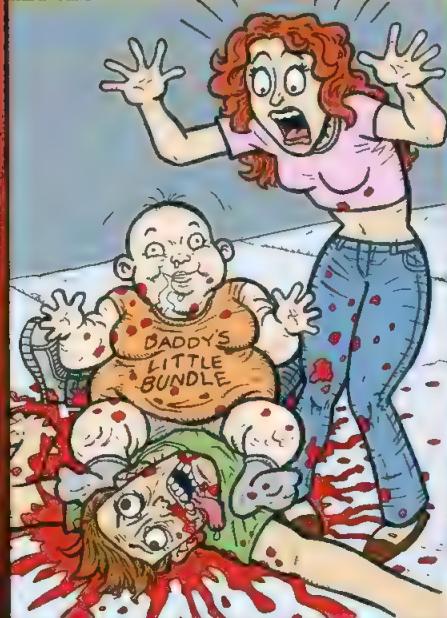
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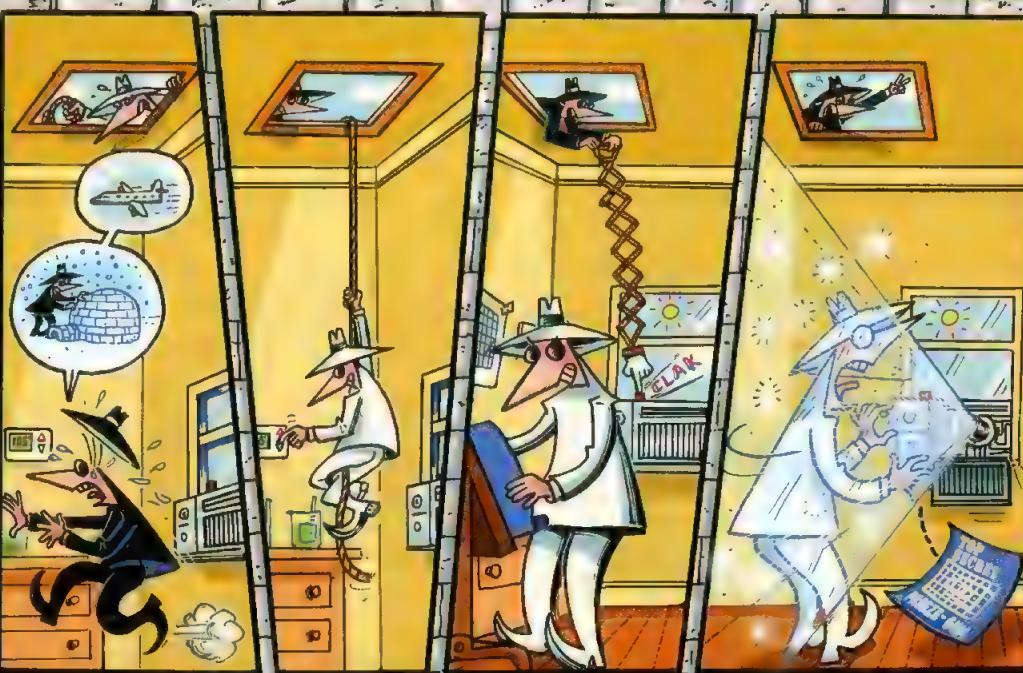
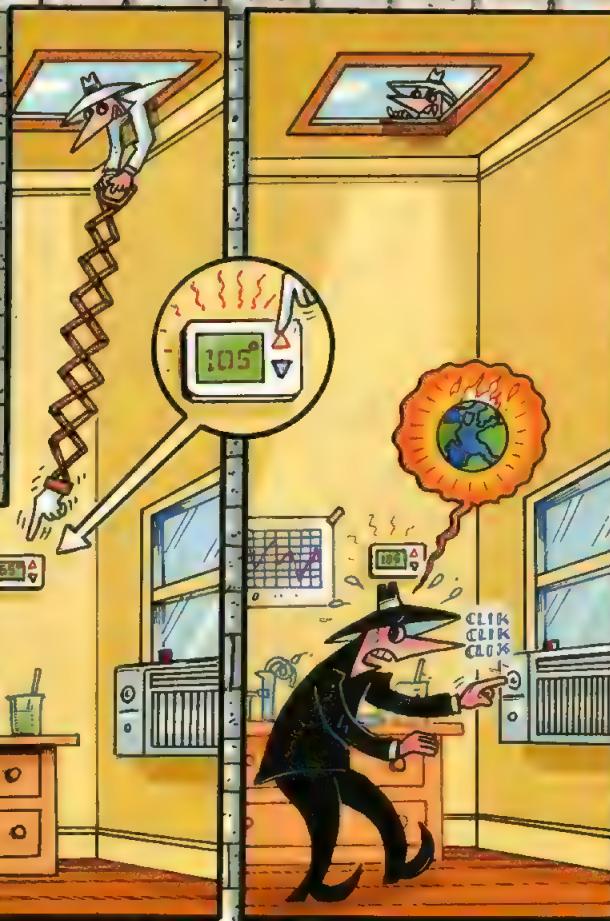
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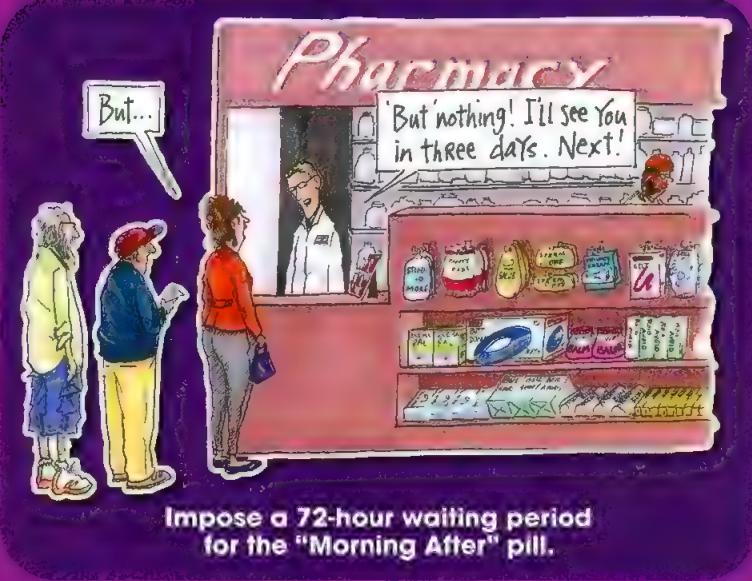




INVASIVE MANEUVERS DEPT.

Ever since Republicans on Capitol Hill convened an all-male panel to lecture us about birth control, everyone without a penis (or with a brain) knows that there's a "war on women." With Mr. Misogyny, Rush Limbaugh, leading the charge, right wing troglodytes want to defund Planned Parenthood, eliminate insurance coverage for contraception, and force women to have invasive transvaginal ultrasound procedures before getting a legal abortion. Sadly, the worst is yet to come. Here are...

New Laws Under Consideration to Regulate Women's Bodies

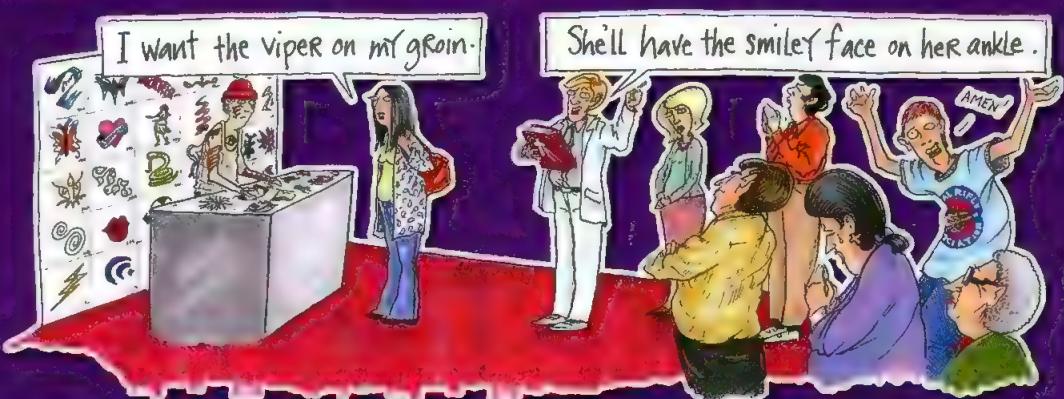


Impose a 72-hour waiting period for the "Morning After" pill.

Sorry, according to our records, you're single and this is a wives-only item sold specifically to arouse husbands for procreative purposes.

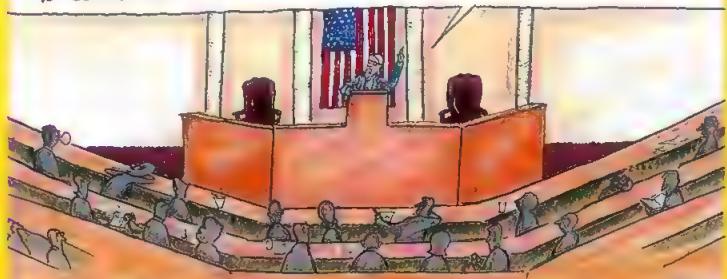


Require a background check prior to any lingerie sale.



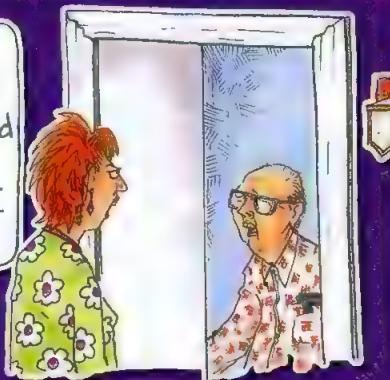
Require any female seeking a tattoo to have it approved by an Evangelical Review Board.

Why should our insurance premiums go up?! Are we to cover all their VIBRATOR costs too?! This must end!!



Introduce a bill that would require women to pay out-of-pocket for their annual pap smear because of its possible pleasurable effect.

Hi, I'm Karen, I just moved in three doors down and I'm mandated by federal Law to inform you that I have an I.V.D.



Create a birth-control-users registry to keep communities morally safe.

That'll be an extra dollar, lady.



Impose a "federal fetus tax" on pregnant women for taking up extra space on public transportation.

WRITER AND ARTIST:
TERESA BURNS PARKHURST

Holster that milker, ma'am, or I'm going to have to un-holster this taser!



Make breast-feeding in public a "taserable" offense.

Oh crap, I'm gonna have to wear this backwards for my meeting...



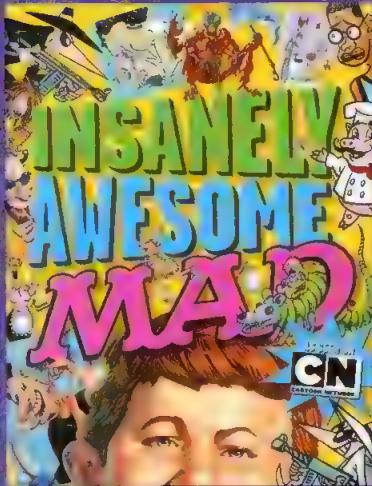
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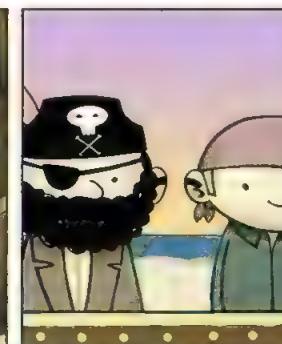
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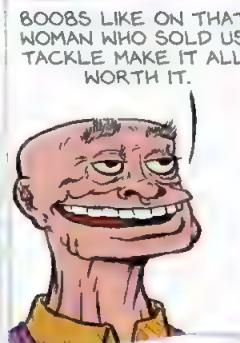
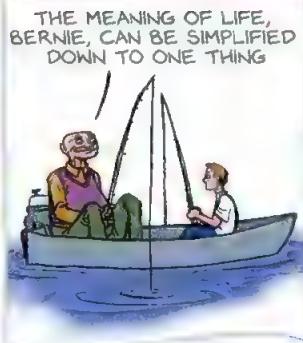
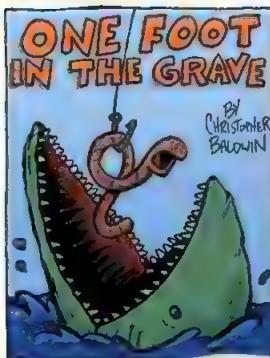
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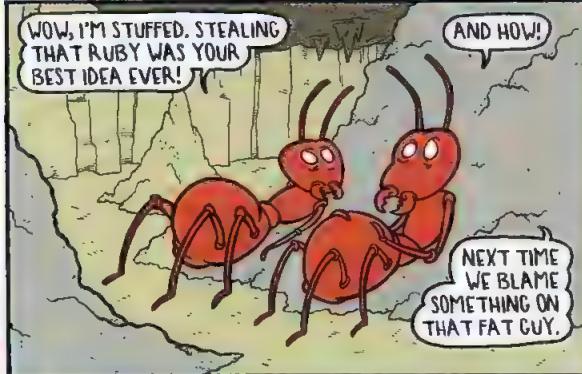
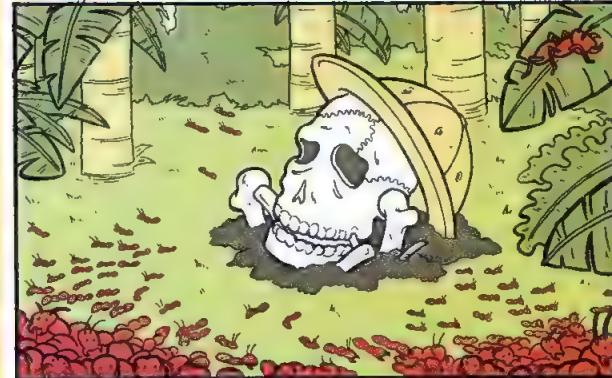
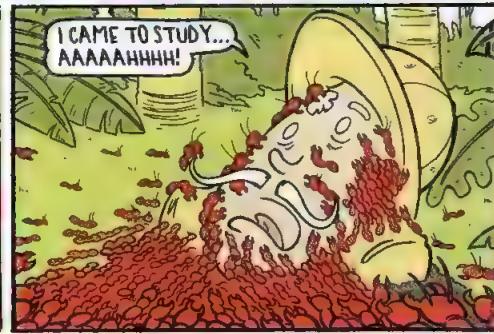
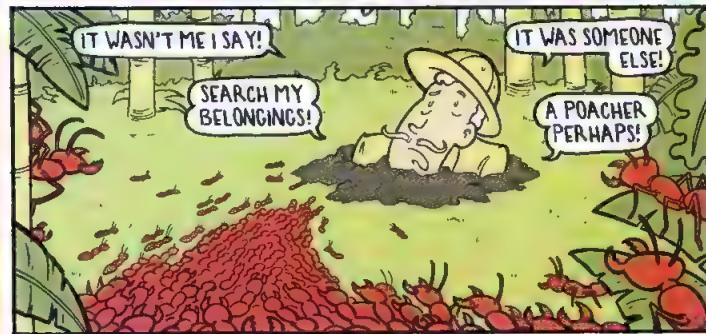
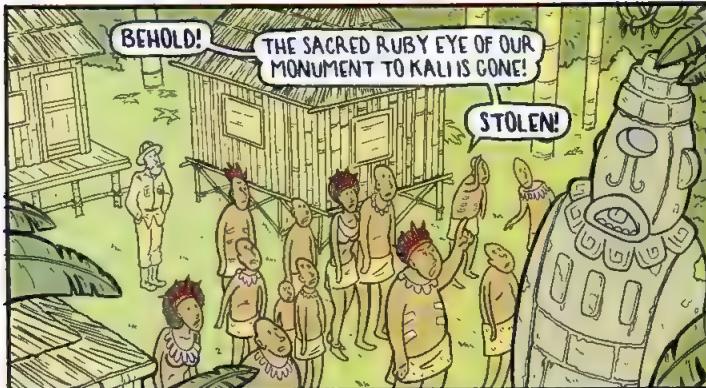


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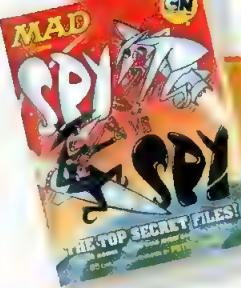
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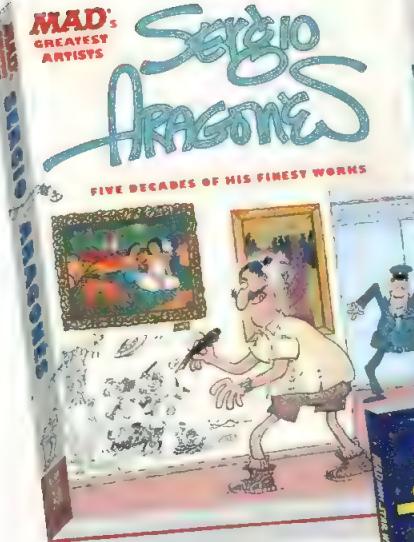
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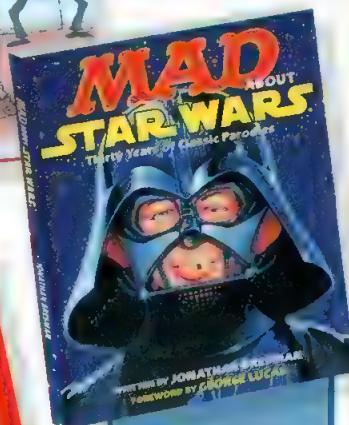
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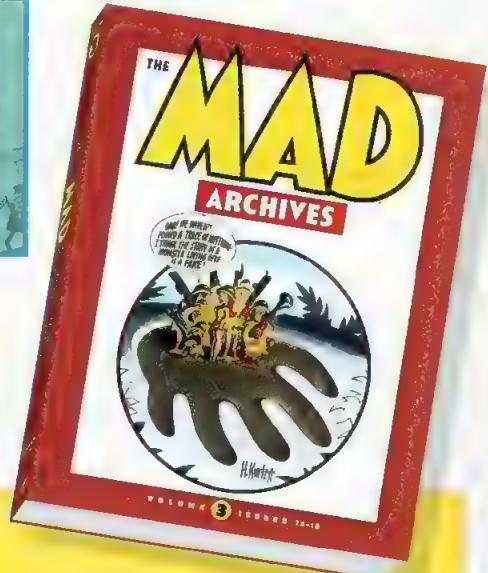


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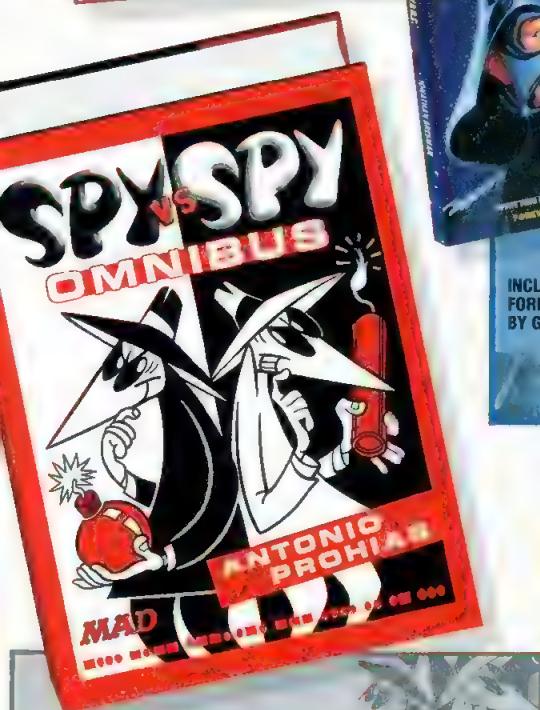


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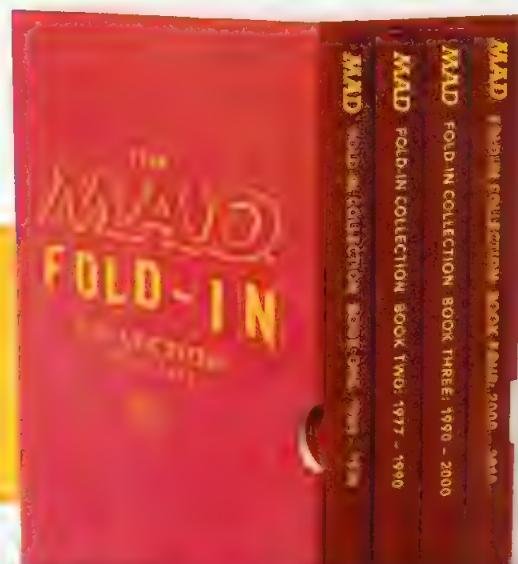
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June 1, 2012

Whenever I look at a map of the United States, I wonder about the state shapes, because in the east, there's all sorts of crazy state shapes:

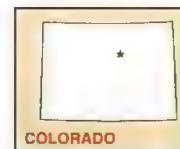


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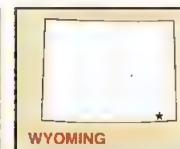


MARYLAND

But in the west, the states are mostly just rectangles:



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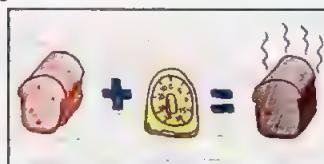
WYOMING

I asked our history teacher, Mr. Campbell, whether people just got lazier as they went west like, if they just thought, "Screw it, rectangles are fine!" And he sort of sighed and said he didn't know. But afterward, Megan Coover, who sits across from me, said she thought it was a really funny question. Which was nice of her, I guess, even though I didn't mean for it to be funny.

June 3, 2012

Here's something I've never understood about bakeries:

Why don't they ever just leave loaves of bread in the oven for a few extra minutes, so that they become loaves of toast? I'd much rather eat a loaf of toast.



June 4, 2012

OK, this is weird: Today when I was in line for lunch, Megan Coover came over and said, "Hey, Tad, have you seen 'Men in Black III' yet?" And I told her no, and she said, "Do you have plans Saturday night?" And I told her no, and she said, "Great! We'll see it Saturday night, then! It's a date!" After she left, my friend Chuck came up and said, "What just happened?" And I told him the truth: "I have no idea." But I'm seeing "Men in Black III" on Saturday, I guess?

June 5, 2012

So, this morning, I told my parents they need to drive me and Megan to the movies Saturday. And my mom said, "Oh, wow! My son's going on his first date!" And I said, "It's not a date!" And my dad said, "It sure sounds like one." And my mom said, "Let me ask you: Did she use the word 'date' anywhere when she asked you to go?" And I said, "Well, she did say, 'it's a date.' Does that mean anything?" And then my mom and dad both cracked up, and I realized: It's a date. I'm going on a date tomorrow. Apparently.

Now I'm super-nervous.

June 6, 2012

Ugh. School today was nerve-wracking. I mean, Megan's really nice, and I'd like to go on a date with her. But now that I know that that's what we're doing, I feel really awkward and uncomfortable around her. So I've tried to avoid her as much as possible, but it's not easy — we have four classes together, and our lockers are across the hall from each other, so I've had to carry all my books around with me all day. My back hurts a lot now.

I've also tried to make sure Chuck's around whenever I run into her, because I feel less nervous when it's not just me and her. I thought about bringing Chuck on the date, but I asked my parents, and they said that bringing a third person on a date is a bad idea.

June 8, 2012

This whole date thing has me totally distracted. I keep wondering about stuff like, What if she wants popcorn? Should I buy one big tub of popcorn for us to share? Because I hate sharing food. And what if she licks her fingers? Do I still have to eat some?

I've spent so much time thinking about stuff like that, I haven't been paying attention in school. I flunked a pop quiz about the Supreme Court in Civics class today, because I hadn't done any of the reading. Although I think I deserved partial credit for some of my answers:

9. Name three significant Supreme Court cases.

- 1) Aliens vs. Predator
- 2) Monsters Vs. Aliens
- 3) Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World

10. What is Justice Warren Burger known for?
Being Mayor McCheese's more successful brother.

June 7, 2012

If you think about it, a box full of Alpha-Bits is just a bowl full of swear words waiting to happen.



June 8, 2012

I'm so nervous about this date, it makes my stomach hurt. When I told my parents that, my mom said, "It's just butterflies in your stomach." Which is an image that only makes my stomach hurt worse.

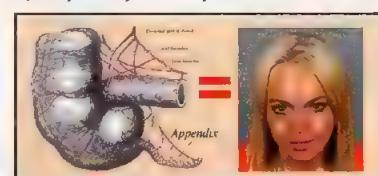
June 9, 2012

Well, I'm off to my date. I'm sweating just thinking about it. My mom says that I have nothing to worry about — I just need to be myself. And also be polite, stand up straight, don't talk too much about myself, hold the door open, make eye contact, and not fidget or itch too much. Which is pretty much most of what I consider "being myself." No wonder my stomach still hurts.

June 12, 2012

Sorry I haven't written in a few days. I never got to see the movie, it turns out. I met up with Megan, and I bought her some Milk Duds, and then I threw up all over the usher and passed out. It turns out that pain in my stomach was appendicitis, and I had to be rushed to the hospital to have my appendix removed. My parents said, "Why didn't you tell us you didn't feel well?" And I said, "I did! A bunch of times!" And then they said, "Oh, yeah...right. Sorry."

I called Megan to apologize, but her mom said she was out at the mall with her new boyfriend, Brad Scott. I guess he was at the movies with some friends, and he comforted her after I got taken to the hospital, and they've been dating ever since. So I guess I missed my chance, all thanks to my stupid appendix. I don't even get why we have appendixes. It's useless, and the only thing it's capable of doing is ruining perfectly good things. It's the Lindsay Lohan of the human body.



WITH GREAT POWER COMES
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Wait
what do you mean
I'm not in *The
Avengers*???

Screw
"With great power
comes great responsibility"
I'm taking a *whiz*
on these cars

Truly The
Container Store
is a house of
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MAD'S LESS-THAN-AMAZING OUTTAKES FROM THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

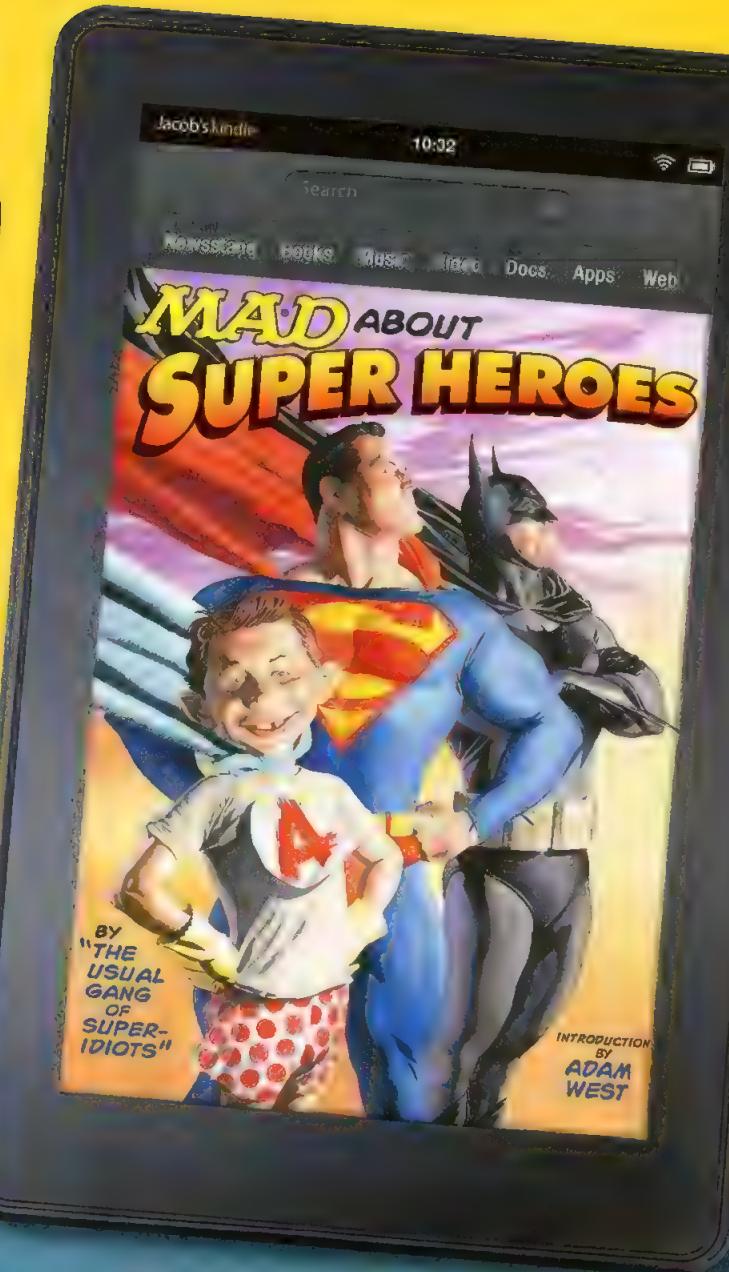
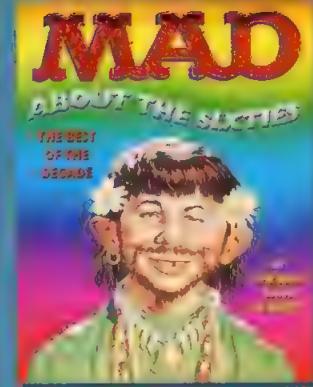
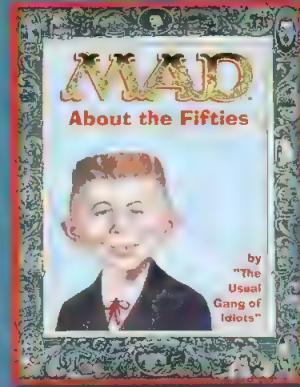
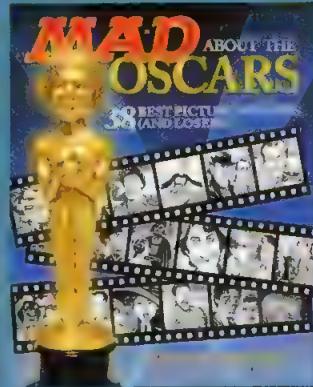
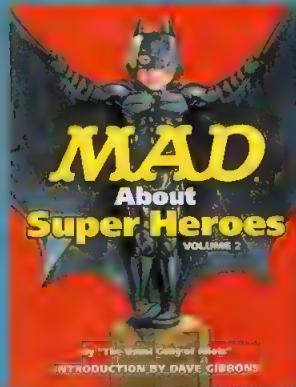


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Melvin & Jenkins'

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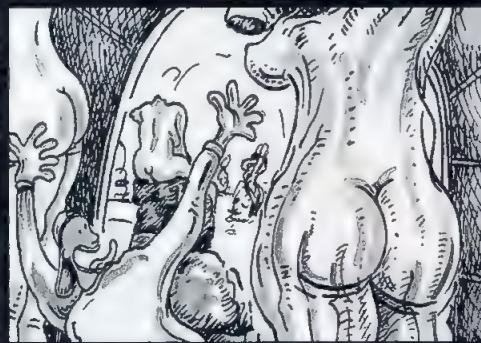
Jenkins

tours museums, realizing that mankind's appreciation of all things beautiful is truly eternal.



Melvin

thinks how cool it would be if all women were naked like sculptures and had no arms to stop you from groping.



Jenkins

sometimes has trouble budgeting his travel money because of the confusing differences in exchange rates.



Melvin

calculates that if he goes without food for just the next six days, he can afford five more local whores.



Jenkins

spends an afternoon in Paris visiting the gravesites of Oscar Wilde, Edith Piaf and Marcel Proust.



Melvin

spends three days fully searching for the grave of Andre the Giant.



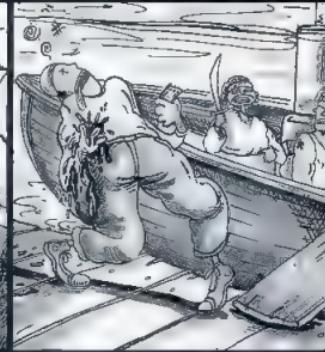
Jenkins

brings along a little "fun money" so he can gamble it on a few spins of the wheel at Monte Carlo.



Melvin

ends up selling a kidney in order to scrape together the fare home on a Chinese slave ship.



Jenkins

finds his ju jitsu stirred by the tales of Hemingway, and travels to Pamplona, Spain for the traditional July 7th running of the bulls.



Melvin

shows up 21-2 weeks late, and settles for terrorizing a three-legged donkey.



Jenkins

joins the thousands upon thousands of pilgrims who gather in St. Peter's Square to hear the words of the Holy Father.



Melvin

can't understand why none of these jerks will help him start a "wave."



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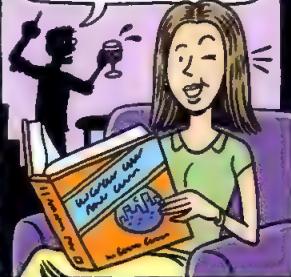
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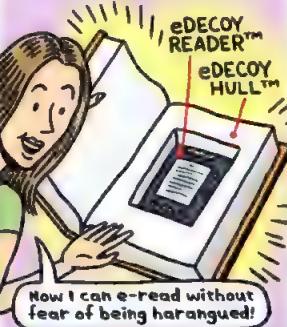
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MANY PEOPLE
SHAKING THEIR
HEADS IN DISMAY?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS
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It's easy to say that accidents happen — after all, in life there are bound to be some bumps along the way. But there's one horrifying development that really should have been protected against and now we'll all have to live with it. To find out what human-borne catastrophe is causing widespread anguish, fold page in as shown.



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SNEAK UP ON SOME PEOPLE WHETHER THEY'RE LOO-
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NAL TROUBLE AND A LOOMING SERIOUS EMERGENCY

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